

(Capsule)

Torney House

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Torney House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4 (Now Maryland Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

St. Leonard

☒ VICINITY OF Walnut Cove

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Virginia Lumber Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 25/428

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Kenneth Parker, this house was standing when he came to this neighborhood fifty years ago. It was built by Sam Torney, a black man, to simulate his father's house which stood beside it until the present owners demolished it. Mr. Parker says that Sam Torney lived to be ninety years old and that he has been dead for "some years" now.

JLB 25/248 (June 22, 1959) shows that the Virginia Lumber Company purchased this land from the Torney family. The same deed indicates several out-conveyances by Sam Torney. AAH 23/478 shows Sam Torney acquiring the property from Moses Torney in 1930. GWD 6/328 indicates that Moses Torney acquired the property from Tom Parran in 1906. There is no source showing who owned the land before Parran or when he got it. It is assumed that the house which Moses Torney lived in was a Nineteenth Century house that could possibly have dated from the early part of that century. Mr. Parker says that the house which Sam built looks "just like" his fathers.

Sam Torney's house appears somewhat Federal in character with its nearly square end-hall plan. It is three bays wide and almost as deep with an entrance on the north end of the east (front) facade. The building is two-stories high and of wood frame construction. It is covered with clapboards and has a gable-end roof with a gentle pitch. An interior flue-chimney is located in the north end. That facade is windowless except for a long, square window in the gable on the east side of the chimney. The south end is nearly windowless too except for one window on the first level and an attic window in the gable.

There is equally irregular fenestration of the west facade which has two 6/6 windows to the left, or north of the entrance door but only two such windows on the upper story. One of these is over the door, and the other is in the center leaving a "blind spot" above the end window on the first floor. The front (east) facade contains a full porch and regular fenestration.

The house commands a hilltop site that is one of the highest in the immediate area. What was once productive fields below have become the site for a large logging operation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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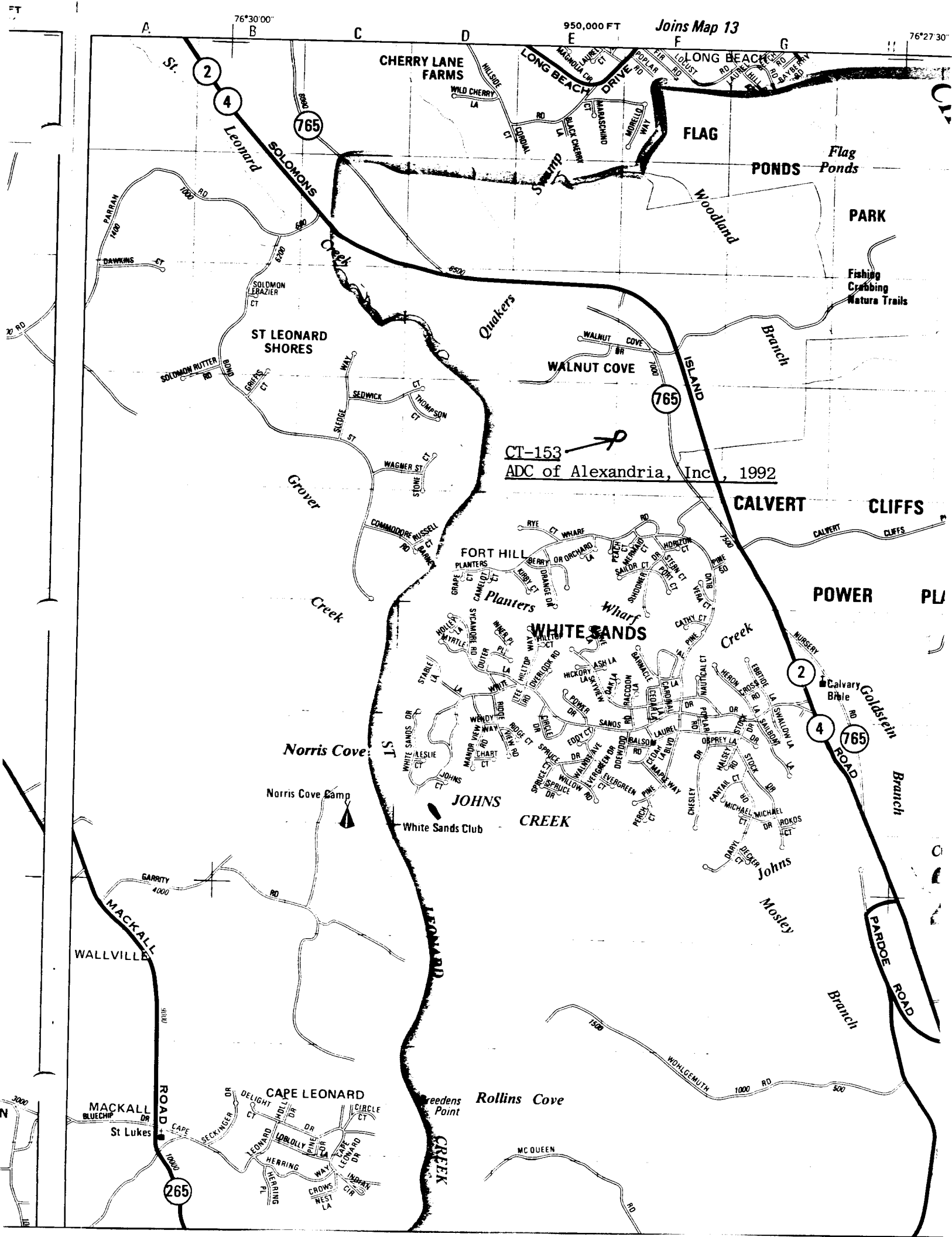
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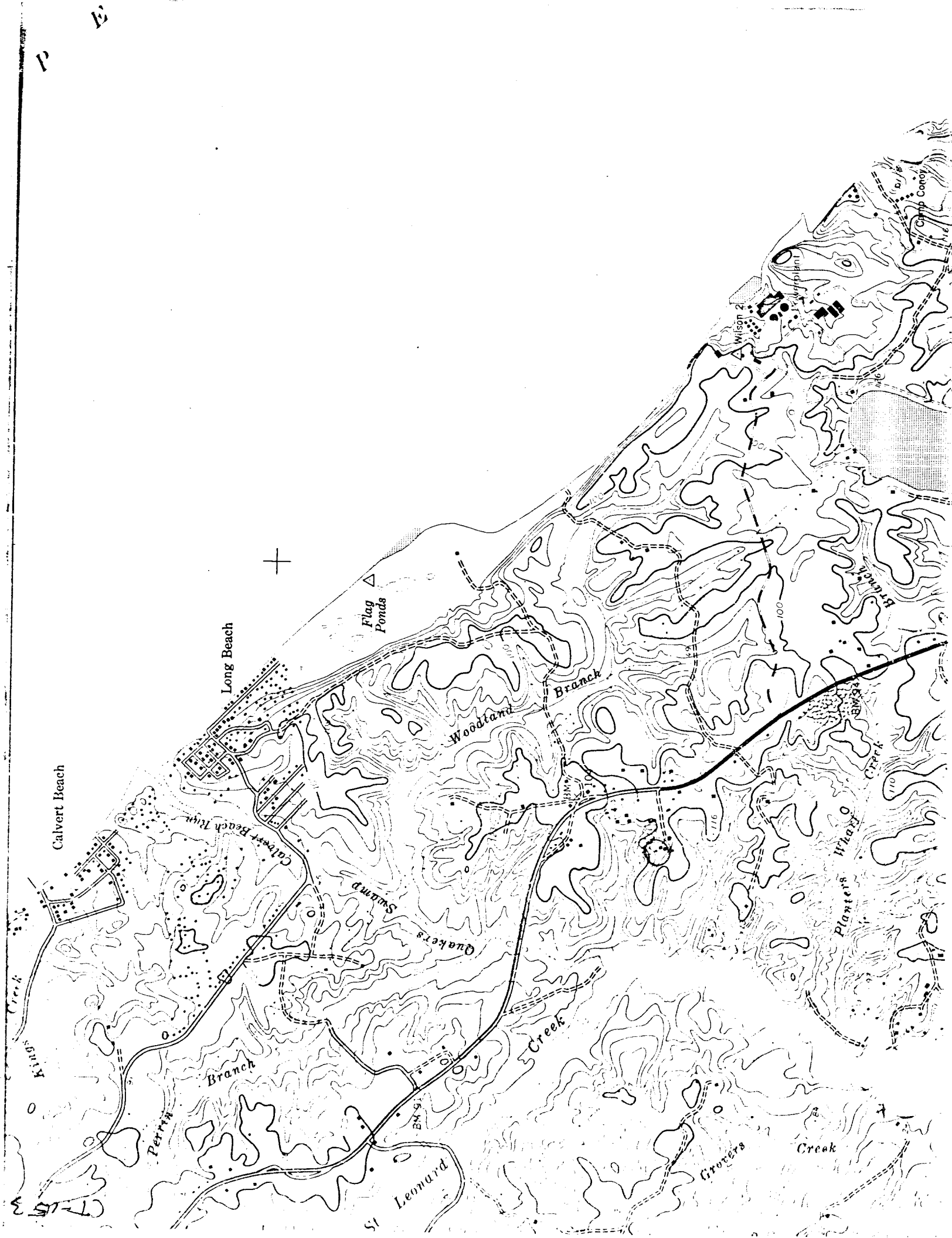
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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